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Honorable Joseph Campbell  
Comptroller General of the United States  
United States General Accounting Office  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you for your letter of September 6 and the copy of your statement on internal auditing.

This Agency fully agrees with your views on the management value of self-examination such as is described and, for several years, has had an active internal audit program. Our program embraces the basic principles and concepts specified in your statement and is consistent with the provisions of Executive Order 10072 and legislation bearing on this subject.

If at any time you would be interested in learning more about our internal audit organization, policies and procedures, I would be happy to arrange for a briefing at your convenience.

Sincerely,

*Signed*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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<b>Remarks:</b>  In my opinion, the CG treads a bit on the toes of BOB in this statement and, although it embraces examination of efficiency, effectiveness and economy of operations, it takes no cognizance of EO 10072 and the Classification Act of 1949, both of which are more specific in requiring internal systematic and periodic appraisal of management than are those statutes quoted.  While there doubtless is room for improvement in our systems for internal audit, I feel that we are doing a better job than most agencies in this regard. Our IG, I&R Staff, Management Staff, Audit Staff, Comptroller and other review			
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elements do, in my opinion, fully meet prescribed standards for internal audit in the Federal government.			
Attached is a proposed reply to the CG. <b>-Does this look O.K. to you or do you have additions, deletions or other suggestions to make.</b>			
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